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SUBJ: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW U.S. -NON-PROLIFERATION POLICIES

REF: STATE 189926 (NOTAL)

1. MISSION APPRECIATES DETAILS RE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW
U.S. NON-PROLIFERATION POLICIES PROVIDED REFTEL AND
WELCOMES OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES
WITH AGENCY AND PROVIDE OUR VIEWS.

2. AS DEPT HAS RECOGNIZED, ALL THREE ALTERNATIVES
PROPOSED REFTEL WOULD REQUIRE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BG)
APPROVAL. UNDER THE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSED IN PARA 6
REFTEL, BG APPROVAL WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR EACH
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INDIVIDUAL PROPOSED COMMITMENT TO SUPPLY. UNDER THE
ALTERNATIVES PROPOSED IN PARAS 5 AND 7, ANY SUBSE-
QUENT IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS (EXCEPT FOR CASES INVOLVING
SMALL QUANTITIES OF SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL) WOULD
ALSO REQUIRE BG APPROVAL IN THE FORM OF PROJECT/
SUPPLY AGREEMENTS REQUIRED BY AGENCY STATUTE FOR
EACH INDIVIDUAL PROJECT AND PROPOSED COMMITMENT TO

SUPPLY. THUS, THERE WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY BE LITTLE OR NO RPT NO DIFFERENCE UNDER ANY OF THE ALTERNATIVES, AS FAR AS EXPOSURE TO THE BOARD IS CONCERNED, WITH RESPECT TO FUTURE TRANSACTIONS.

3. REFTTEL IS NOT RPT NOT CLEAR AS TO WHETHER WE ALSO WILL BE REQUIRED TO SEEK SIMILAR COMMITMENT TO "RENEGOTIATE OR OTHERWISE AGREE" WITH RESPECT TO NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED TO OR THROUGH IAEA, NOR WHETHER THE REVISED U.S.-IAEA AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION CONTEMPLATED WOULD APPLY RETROACTIVELY TO SUCH PREVIOUS SUPPLIES. IF THIS IS THE INTENTION, WE BELIEVE PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE IN PARA 7 REFTTEL WOULD CLEARLY BE PREFERABLE WITH RESPECT TO PREVIOUS SUPPLIES. BUT THIS WOULD NOT RPT NOT OBIVATE THE NEED FOR SUBSEQUENT AND CONTINUED BG ACTIONS FOR PROPOSED FUTURE SUPPLIES.

4. WHICHEVER APPROACH TAKEN WILL NOT RPT NOT BE EASY. KEY AGENCY LEGAL DIVISION STAFF CLEARLY PREFER EARLY ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO U.S. -IAEA AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION, SINCE THIS APPARENTLY WILL EVENTUALLY BE REQUIRED IN ANY EVENT AND IT IS THE BASIC UNDERLYING INSTRUMENT GOVERNING U.S. SUPPLIES TO OR THROUGH IAEA. THEY ADMIT THE POSSIBILITY OF DIFFICULTIES, BUT THEY THINK THESE COULD BE OVERCOME. ONCE
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AN AMENDMENT IS APPROVED BY BG, MOREOVER, THEN EVERY OTHER RELEVANT TRANSACTION WOULD FLOW FROM THAT SINGLE ACTION AND CHANCES OF FUTURE BG DIFFICULTIES WOULD BE LESSENED CONSIDERABLY. THIS COMES CLOSER TO THE ONE-TIME EXPOSURE CONCEPT SUGGESTED PARA 8 REFTTEL, ALTHOUGH THERE WOULD STILL BE A NEED FOR BG APPROVAL (HOPEFULLY PRO FORMA) OF SUBSEQUENT INDIVIDUAL PROJECT/SUPPLY AGREEMENTS. (IF PREVIOUS SUPPLIES ALSO HAVE TO BE COVERED, AS NOTED PARA 3 ABOVE, THIS COULD BE TAKEN CARE OF AT THE SAME TIME, INCLUDING BG APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED IMPLEMENTING MODEL PROTOCOL.)

5. MISSION IS INCLINED TO FAVOR A MODIFIED APPROACH, HOWEVER, COMBINING ELEMENTS OF ALL THREE ALTERNATIVES PROPOSED PARAS 5, 6 AND 7 REFTTEL. FIRST WE SUGGEST MOVING EXPEDITIOUSLY TO OBTAIN BG APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT ALONG THE LINES OF THE PROPOSED U.S./IAEA/MEXICO TRILATERAL PROJECT AND SUPPLY

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REFTEL, BE APPROVAL WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR EACH
INDIVIDUAL PROPOSED COMMITMENT TO SUPPLY. UNDER THE

AGREEMENT FOR THE OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH REACTOR AND FUEL BEING GIVEN TO MEXICO. THIS AGREEMENT CONTAINS ALL THE BASIC INGREDIENTS MENTIONED REFTEL AND WE BELIEVE BG APPROVAL OF IT WOULD CONSTITUTE AN IMPORTANT PRECEDENT. IF WE COULD GET MORE THAN ONE SUCH AGREEMENT APPROVED, SO MUCH THE BETTER. FYI, WE THINK CHANCES OF GETTING MALAYSIA TO AGREE TO ALL THE NOVEL PROVISIONS IN THIS KIND OF AGREEMENT ARE MUCH HIGHER THAN IN THE CASE OF MEXICO. BELIEVE THIS SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN RECONSIDERING WHETHER OR NOT TO PERMIT SUPPLY OF TRIGA RESEARCH REACTOR TO MALAYSIA THROUGH IAEA, AS WE RECOMMENDED IN VIENNNA 6712. A FAVORABLE DECISION ON THIS BE THE U.S. WOULD VERY LIKELY BE CONSIDERED BY MALAYSIA IN TERMS WHICH WOULD ENCOURAGE SWIFT AND FAVORABLE ACTION ON THEIR PART IN RETURN. FURTHER, IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT MALAYSIA WILL QUITE POSSIBLY OCCUPY THE IMPORTANT AND INFLUENTIAL POST OF CHAIRMAN OF THE NEXT BG, WHICH SHOULD SUBSTANTIALLY ENHANCE PROSPECTS OF OBTAINING BG APPROVAL OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS POSSIBLY REDUCING DIFFICULTIES IN CONNECTION WITH SUBSEQUENT BT CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO U.S.- IAEA AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION. END FYI. WE SUGGEST THE FEBRUARY 1978 BG MEETING AS THE TARGET FOR OBTAINING BG APPROVAL OF ONE OR MORE OF THESE TRILATERAL PROJECT AND SUPPLY AGREEMENTS.

6. HAVING ESTABLISHED THE PRECEDENT OF OBTAINING BG APPROVAL OF THE ADDITIONAL NON-PROLIFERATION

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CONTROLS INVOLVED, WE THINK THIS WOULD FACILITATE OBTAINING SUBSEQUENT BG APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE U.S.- IAEA AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION CONTAINING ESSENTIALLY THE SAME KEY REQUIREMENTS. WE RECOGNIZE PROCESS OF AMENDING U.S.-IAEA AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION WILL BE TIME CONSUMING, BUT, ASSUMING NEW U.S. NON-PROLIFERATION LEGISLATION IS ENACTED

BEFORE END OF THIS YEAR, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE REASONABLE TO AIM FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO JUNE 1978 BG MEETING, WHICH MEANS THAT FINAL AGREEMENT ON TEXT WOULD HAVE TO BE REACHED BY EARLY MAY 1978. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE SUGGEST THAT NEGOTIATIONS OF SUCH AN AMENDMENT BE INITIATED IMMEDIATELY UPON ENACTMENT OF THE NEW LEGISLATION. THIS WOULD HAVE THE ADDED ADVANTAGE OF PLACING THE IAEA IN FULL COMPLIANCE

WITH THE ANTICIPATED PROVISION IN THE NEW LEGISLATION REGARDING A COMMITMENT TO RENEGOTIATE THE AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION, WHICH WOULD ENABLE NRC TO CONTRINUE ISSUING EXPROT LICENSES, AS MENTIONED PARA 2 REFTEL.

7. IF PREVIOUS SUPPLIES WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE DEALT WITH, AS MENTIONED PARA 3 ABOVE, AN APPROPRIATE DOCUMENT WITH A MODEL PROTOCOL COULD BE SUBMITTED TO BG FOR APPROVAL AT THE SAME TIME AS THE AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION.

8. MISSION ALSO BELIEVES THAT AN ADDITIONAL INGREDIENT WHICH WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO OFFER SOME CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT THE U.S. INTENDS TO CONTINUE ITS SUPPLY OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND REACTORS FOR PEACEFUL NUCLEAR PROGRAMS THROUGH IAEA AS WELL AS BILATERALLY TO NATIONS WHICH SHARE OUR NON-PROLIFERATION POLICIES. WE BELIEVE INCLUSION
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OF IAEA AS A VEHICLE FOR ARRANGING FOR SUCH SUPPLIES IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED NON-PROLIFERATION ACT. SINCE THE VARIOUS VERSIONS OF THE LATTER PLACE SO MUCH RELIANCE ON THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF IAEA AND ON IAEA SAFEGUARDS, WE BELIEVE IT IS

FUNDAMENTALLY INCONSISTENT FOR THE U.S. TO TAKE ACTIONS WHICH EFFECTIVELY STRIP THE IAEA OF SOME OF ITS STATUTORY SUPPLY FUNCTIONS, WHICH WE THINK TENDS TO UNDERMINE CONFIDENCE IN THE IAEA,

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INCLUDING ITS IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS FUNCTIONS.

9. MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER CLARIFICATION
ON FOLLOWING POINTS MENTIONED REFTEL, SINCE WE ARE
NOT RPT NOT SURE WE HAVE A CORRECT UNDERSTANDING OF
THEM.

A. WE ARE PUZZLED BY PHRASE"...EITHER FROM
THE AGENCY OR FROM ANY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER..." ETC.,
IN SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA 2 REFTEL, SINCE IT IS
NPT RPT NOT CLEAR TO US HOW AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER
CAN GIVE A COMMITMENT TO RENEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT TO
WHICH IT IS NOT RPT NOT A PARTY. IF "RENEGOTIATE
THE AGREEMENT" REFERS TO A SPECIFIC SUPPLY AGREE-
MENT UNDER WHICH THE DELIVERIES HAD NOT RPT NOT YET
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TAKEN PLACE, THE AGENCY WOULD ALSO NECESSARILY HAVE
TO BE INVOLVED, SINCE IT IS A PARTY TO THAT SUPPLY
AGREEMENT. IF IT IS INTENDED TO OBTAIN CERTAIN
COMMITMENTS BILATERALLY WITH THE MEMBER STATE
CONCERNED WITH RESPECT TO SUPPLIES THROUGH THE AGENCY
WITHOUT THE AGENCY BEING PARTY TO OR AT LEAST INFORMED
ABOUT SUCH COMMITMENTS, WILL THERE BE A NEED TO
VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH THOSE COMMITMENTS? IF SO,
WHO IS GOING TO DO IT, E.G., NO RPT NO RETRANSFERS
WITHOUT U.S. APPROVAL? WE ASSUME AGENCY WOULD NOT
RPT NOT BE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, IF, AS SUGGESTED
PARA 9 REFTEL, U.S. ALTERNATIVELY SEEKS AGREEMENT
WITH INDIVIDUAL NATIONS, SO LONG AS NO RPT NO
ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS ARE PLACED ON IAEA WITHOUT
ITS CONSENT.

B. DOES U.S. INTENT TO ATTEMPT TO APPLY ITS NEW

POLICIES RETROACTIVELY TO MATERIALS AND FACILITIES
PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED THROUGH IAEA?

C. REFERENCE IN LAST SENTENCE PARA 9 REFTEL TO
"EARLY RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER" IN CONTEXT OF
IMMINENT TRANSFER OF HEU FUEL FOR ROMANIA'S
RESEARCH REACTOR (SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER) IS NOT
RPT NOT CLEAR. WHAT SPECIFICALLY IS MEANT BY
"THIS MATTER" IN THIS CASE? A COMMITMENT BY IAEA
TO RENEGOTIATE THE U.S.-IAEA AGREEMENT FOR
COOPERATION? A COMMITMENT BY ROMANIA AND THE IAEA
TO RENEGOTIATE THE RELEVANT SUPPLY AGREEMENT?
ACCEPTANCE IN ADVANCE BY ROMANIA TO THE NEW
CONDITIONS BEFORE ISSUANCE OF THE EXPORT LICENSE?
WHATEVER DEPT AND OTHERS IN WASHINGTON MAY HAVE IN
MIND, ANY ACTION BY THE SEPTEMBER BG ON THESE ISSUES
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WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT IF NOT RPT NOT IMPOSSIBLE
AT THIS STAGE, SINCE THERE IS TOO LITTLE TIME LEFT
FOR TRANSLATING, PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF BG
DOCUMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING.

10. MISSION SUGGESTS REFTEL ALSO BE REPEATED TO
KUALA LUMPUR FOR INFO.

11. MISSION IS INTERESTED IN LEARNING REACTIONS
TO OUR PROPOSED APPROACH PER PARAS 5-7 ABOVE.
PLEASE ADVISE. STONE

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